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E.O. 11652:

AGS: OGEN, PP, FJ, TQ

SUBJECT:STATUS REPORT - PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND PACIFIC  
ISLAND AFFAIRS

1. EA/PIA IS LATER IN THE WEEK THEN USUAL WITH OUR  
STATUS REPORT BUT WE WERE AWAITING THE FINAL UNOFFICIAL  
RESULTS OF THE JULY 12 MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL  
REFERENDUM.

2. AS WE EXPECTED THE FOUR CENTRAL DISTRICTS VOTED TO  
ACCEPT THE CONSTITUTION WHILE PALAU AND THE MARSHALLS  
REJECTED IT. APPROXIMATELY 80 PERCENT OF THE ELIGIBLE  
VOTER IN THE TTPI VOTED ACCORDING TO THE UNOFFICIAL  
TOTALS. THE VOTE (BY PERCENT) TRUK 70 PERCENT FOR  
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30 PERCENT AGAINST, KOSRAE 61 FOR 39 AGAINST, PONAPE -  
75 FOR 25 AGAINST YAP 95 FOR 5 AGAINST. IN THE  
MARSHALLS 61 PERCENT VOTED AGAINST THE CONSTITUTION  
AND 39 PERCENT FOR IT AND IN PALAU 45PERCENT FOR AND  
55 PERCENT AGAINST.

3. THE RESULTS ARE UNOFFICIAL. UNTIL CERTIFIED BY THE

ELECTION COMMISSIONERS. THERE WERE UNITED NATIONS OBSERVERS IN THE TTPI DURING THE FINAL CAMPAIGN BEFORE THE REFERENDUM AND DURING THE VOTE COUNT.

4. COOK ISLANDS DECISION OVERTURNS GOVERNMENT:  
WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THE VERDICT IN THE COOK ISLANDS ELECTION CASE HAS GONE AGAINST INCUMBENT PREMIER SIR ALBERT HE;RY, AND THAT OPPOSITIO LEADER DR. TOM DAVIS HAS BEEN ASKED TO FORM A GOVERNMENT.  
SIR ALBERT HAS BEEN THE ONLY PREMIER OF THE COOKS SINCE SELF-GOVERNMENT WAS GRANTED IN 1965 BY NEW ZEALAND. THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS AN INTEREST IN THE CASE BECAUSE OF ALLEGATIONS AGAINST AN AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN FOR PROVIDING FUNDS TO FLY IN HENRY SUPPORTERS. NEW ZEALAND PM MULDOON ANNOUNCED TO THE PRESS JULY 25 THAT FIVE NZ POLICEMEN, AS WELL AS A SENIOR NZ POLICE OFFICER, TRAVELED TO THE COOKS AS VISITORS TO STAND READY TO SUPPLEMENT THE SMALL COOK'S POLICE FORCE. THE MEN WERE SWORN IN AS TEMPORARY MEMBERS OF THE COOK'S POLICE FORCE AND WERE ASSIGNED TO PROTECT THE CHIEF JUSTICE WHO RENDERED THE DECISIO;.  
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